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SUBJECT: TEXTILES -- US LETTER

REF: SMITH/MIMS TELECON - JUNE 26

FOR ANGEVINE PLEASE PASS MICHAEL SMITH BEFORE 10:00 A.M.

MEETING JUNE 27.

FOLLOWING TEXT OF US LETTER:

"FEBRUARY 24, 1964

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

DURING THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
PHILIPPINES CONCERNING THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN  
COTTON TEXTILES EFFECTED BY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES TODAY,  
THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION POINTED OUT THAT SPECIFIC  
CEILINGS ON EXPORTS OF INFANTS' WEAR IN CATEGORIES 52, 53,  
54, 59, AND 63 MIGHT RAISE SPECIAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE  
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UNIQUE NATURE OF THIS TRADE. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SHOWED THAT SUB-STANTIAL CHANGES IN THE NATURE OF THE UNITED STATES INFANTS' WEARING APPAREL MARKET OCCURRED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE EFFECT OF THIS ALTERATION WAS TO SHIFT THE TRADE FROM

ONE UNITED STATES COTTON TEXTILE CATEGORY TO SEVERAL OTHERS WITHOUT CAUSING MARKET DISRUPTION.

WITH THESE PROBLEMS IN MIND, THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES ASSURED THE PHILIPPINE REPRESENTATIVES THAT, PROVIDED PHILIPPINE EXPORTS WOULD NOT EXCEED 110 PERCENT OF THE AGGREGATE LEVEL OF "TRADITIONAL TRADE" IN THE CATEGORIES ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE AGREEMENT (AS ADJUSTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 7), THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION AND WOULD NOT DESIRE CONSULTATIONS IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES PERMITTED INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY LEVELS TO BE EXCEEDED BY 10 PERCENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL LEVELS IN PARAGRAPH 1 IN ADDITION TO THE 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN THESE LEVELS PERMITTED BY PARAGRAPH 2.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL AGREE, EXCEPT IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, TO REASONABLE REARRANGEMENTS OF LEVELS WITHIN THE AGGREGATE OF THE FIVE CATEGORIES TO MEET DIFFICULTIES OF PHILIPPINE EXPORTERS ARISING FROM A SHIFT AMONG THE FIVE CATEGORIES IN THE OVERALL UNITED STATES DEMAND FROM ALL SOURCES FOR INFANTS' WEAR.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONFIRM THAT THESE UNDERSTANDINGS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE."

LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, AND WAS APPARENTLY SIGNED BY G. GRIFFITH JOHNSON. KISSINGER

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